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Route To: K-3 Teachers, Principals, Instructional Coaches, Supervisors
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K-3 Parent and Family Resources

New resources to support learning partnerships with families are available in the [K-3 Early Elementary Alignment Resources](#) section on the Office of Standards' webpage. The state of New Jersey sets developmentally appropriate learning standards for what every student should know and be able to do when they complete each grade level or grade band. These K-3 resources are designed to help families understand those standards and partner with teachers to support their child's learning during kindergarten to third grade.

These resources, titled *Young Readers and Writers*, provide example communications that teachers can share with families to support their child's reading and writing development at home. The materials assist families with examples and links to additional NJDOE websites offering a variety of family-friendly information about learning and development. Additional K-3 content area resources will be added to further support learning partnerships with families.

Contact Information

For questions, please contact the K-3 Unit, Office of Standards at K-3Unit@doe.nj.gov.